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Dear Ms. Petercheff:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 09-616 and proposed by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission ("NRC").

The provisions of the rule creating an economic impact to small businesses involve the requirement to obtain an aquatic vegetation control permit under 312 IAC 9-10-3 and the fish hauler's and supplier's permit under 312 IAC 9-10-14

The economic impact statement prepared by the NRC indicates that the proposed rule will affect approximately 350 small businesses to and that the anticipated cost of compliance is \$10 per business per year. Some businesses may incur an additional cost of \$5 if they are required to purchase an additional aquatic vegetation control permit. The NRC has further indicated that the provisions of the rule provide necessary clarification so that affected entities maintain compliance with applicable statutes. Additionally, the NRC anticipates that the costs associated with the proposed rule could be offset by revenue achieved through lawfully operating within the parameters of the applicable statute and gaining additional customers.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. The anticipated cost of compliance with the rule is not substantial, and the NRC has determined that the provisions of the rule are the most cost effective means of carrying out its statutory responsibilities. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

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